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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 11, 2002**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final official action that was mailed on July 11, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification at page 2, by deleting the third full, single sentence paragraph beginning with "Said object is ...," and by deleting the fifth full, single sentence paragraph beginning with "Advantageous developments of ...."

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 were and remain pending in the application. No claim has been amended herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection are hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks.

**Objection to the Specification**

The specification has been objected to for containing direct reference to the claims. The two such occurrences noted within the specification have been deleted without prejudice herein. The objection is believed to be overcome.

PLEASE ENTER that 9/29/02